

The Alumni News

A Newsletter for Alumni of Shelton State Community College

Alumni Celebrate the Best Year Ever

Annual meeting offers chance for fun and fellowship

The Annual Meeting of the Shelton State Alumni Association was held the end of April at the college and offered friends and former students a chance to meet with faculty and staff of the college and celebrate events and achievements of the past year.

This year the Alumni Association has special reason to celebrate. Since September 1999 more than 110 people joined the Alumni Association as active or corporate members.

According to Pat Headrick, president of the Alumni Association, things look even better for next year. This summer members of the Alumni

Council met during their annual retreat to plan activities for the upcoming year.

Several special awards were made during the evening. Glinda Blackshear, music instructor at the college, was named the "Academic Faculty Member of the Year" for Alabama's two year colleges during the annual Chancellor's Awards ceremony last spring in Mobile. The Alumni Association paid special recognition to Blackshear during the evening, presenting her with a framed drawing of Shelton's new campus.

Shelton's other nominees for the Chancellor's Awards, Dean Humphrey Lee, Lori Cannon, and William Quimby, were also honored.

Two art students, Angie Evans and Apinan Kanyalak, were recognized as winners in the field of photography as part of an exhibit and competition

sponsored each year by the Alabama College Association. Evans placed second and Kanyalak's entry received third place.



Angie Evans and Apinan Kanyalak receive statewide recognition.

Alumni fun night – lots of fun

Waterfalls, pools, ponds, and fountains, some of the latest trends in home furnishings, are extremely popular these days. In March members of the Alumni Association gathered at the college for the annual alumni fun night, "Wings and Waterfalls."

Shelton lawn and turf instructor Dennis Crim was the speaker for the evening. Crim gave lots of good information on how "do-it-yourself-ers" can build waterfalls and ponds.

The Alumni Association provided dinner for everyone at the event. Naturally part of the meal consisted of Buffalo wings!

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Alumni Council Loses One of its Own

Margaret Louise Hudson Pruett died April 25 at DCH Regional Medical Center at Tuscaloosa. Louise was one of the early graduates of Shelton's New Options program. After graduating with honors from Shelton, she entered the University of Alabama and graduated in December 1999 with a master of science degree in human development and family studies.

Louise remained loyal to Shelton State even after leaving the college. She was one of the founding members of the Shelton State Alumni Association and was currently serving as vice president for Tuscaloosa County.

We will miss Louise at Shelton. She was loved and respected by many people at the college. During her lifetime, Louise overcame many obstacles. Perhaps the greatest legacy she left was her strong belief that with determination and hard work anything is possible.

Louise is survived by her husband, James Pruett, and children, Megan Ray-Hulsey, Susan Sale, Lynn Hubbard, and George Ray.



Louise Pruett

About Our Alumni

* Two Alumni Council members retire from positions at the college this fall. **Sharon Deck** and **Shirley Johnson**, longtime college employees and founding members of the Shelton State Alumni Association, will retire from their positions at Shelton State Community College.

Deck and Johnson join 25 other college employees in accepting a retirement incentive offered by the State Board of Education. All of the retirees qualified for retirement by September 1, 2000. The statewide buy out includes faculty, staff and administration. At Shelton two deans, Britt Turner and Arthur Howington, along with Shelton President Tom Umphrey, will be among the retirees.

Deck was a member of the full-time English faculty at the college and Johnson was director of career placement. Both have promised to stay active with the Alumni Association.



Nancy and Don Hartley join others at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.



Pat Headrick congratulates Glinda Blackbear on being named "Academic Faculty Member of the Year."

* **Tonya Huffman** was promoted to business outsourcing coordinator for Gulf States Paper Corporation's Business Solutions Group at the company's national headquarters in Tuscaloosa. A Tuscaloosa native, Huffman is a graduate of Northside High School and holds an associate degree in business administration from Shelton State. She is currently pursuing a B.S. degree from the University of Alabama.

Huffman joined Gulf States in 1992 and has held various positions with the company, most recently serving as sales correspondent estimator for the Paperboard Packaging Division. She and her husband, Keith, live in Northport and attend Five Points Baptist Church.

* **Miranda Whitfield** has been busy this spring with wedding plans. She and Andrew Sampsell married in June at Big Sandy Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sampsell!

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* A special welcome to **Darryl Graham**, the most recent person to join the Shelton State Alumni Association. Darryl attended Shelton during the 1980's and was a member of the *Courier staff*. Currently, he is a sales consultant with McRae's.

If you have news, promotions, honors, please let us know. You can call the Alumni Office, (205) 391-2221, fax us at (205) 391-2426, or E-mail us at <lkubiszyn@shelton.cc.al.us>.



President Pat Headrick and Lucy Kubiszyn, Alumni Director, celebrate the end of a successful year.

From the Director

by Lucy Kubiszyn

Pulling out my crystal ball, it's fun to imagine what Shelton State Community College will be like 20 years down the road. A group of people at the college did just this last year and came up with Shelton's "Vision of the Future 2010."

We all know that technology is driving change for all of us. Already the college finds that when they install new machines, they quickly become obsolete. Classes are offered on the Internet and this trend will continue in the future. Students will be able to interact with faculty and other students through their television sets, computers, telephones or all three.

More adults will enter college, and women will be an especially large market. As education continues to change in the state, students who have been under served in the past will enter Shelton's doors. Retired people will make up a larger portion of the college's population, both as students and as part-time employees.

Students in the future will find Shelton a dynamic and exciting place to be. It will be a global and diverse college with students from all over the world and from all walks of life.

Yet the vision for the college continues to be a student-centered environment that responds to the needs of students. There will be new and innovative uses of technology as Shelton improves instruction and college operations through technological advances.

Shelton will continue to be a center for lifetime learning, offering non credit classes and some of Alabama's best fine arts programs.

As a friend of the college or a former student, come join us as we move into the new century. Call the Alumni Office today, (205) 391-2221 or 391-2252, and find out how you can get involved.

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